

AMENDMENT

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 2-5 and amend the remaining claims as follows:

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1. A method for the induction of p53-mediated apoptosis in a cell comprising the steps of
 - (a) introducing into said cell an expression construct comprising a nucleic acid segment encoding p53 and a promoter operably linked to said nucleic acid segment, and (b) contacting a cell with at least one inhibitory agent that inhibits DNA repair.

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6. The method of claim 1, wherein said expression construct is an adenoviral expression construct.

RESPONSE

I. Restriction and Status of the Claims

Claims 1-26 are pending in the application and subject to restriction. Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I (claims 1-9 and 18-26). Applicants have amended claims 1 and 6, specifying the agent increasing the level of a tumor suppressor as an expression construct encoding p53 under the control of a promoter. Thus, claims 1, 6-9 and 18-26 are presented for reconsideration.